

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 563
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to commend Sharon Ann Fortner for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Ann Fortner is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Tre Hargett; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Lambuth University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Fortner has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science, minoring in General Business, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; she is a member of the Omega Omicron Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, for which sorority she is the Representative on the Religious Life Council; and

WHEREAS, a talented and confident student, she is no stranger to accolades; she has been named in *Who's Who Among Colleges*, and she received the Rena Hunt Scholarship Award and the John W. Burgess Award for Political Science; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Fortner brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, she has proven to be quite industrious, and has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, reliable and hard-working, Ms. Fortner quickly learned the ways of the legislature, proved her capability, then accepted and fulfilled increased responsibilities; "Strawberry Shortcake" worked with the House Republican Leader's Office, and her efforts contributed to the success of the Republican Caucus Bill Review Program; and

WHEREAS, blessed with a friendly personality, Sharon fulfills every job, even the most mundane of tasks, with a smile; her quick-witted humor makes her a delight to work with; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments are a source of pride for her family: her parents, Tish and Bill Fortner; her brother, Robert Fortner; her dogs, Puppen, Jonesy, and Needles; and her cats, Gabby and Sushi; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Fortner has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Sharon Ann Fortner for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Tre Hargett and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.